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SUBJECT: NEW TREATMENT FOR PAROXYSMAL DYSACOUSIS

1. DR. NORIYUKI YANAGIDA, OF THE OTOLARYNGOLOGY DEPARTMENT OF NAGOYA UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL HAS ANNOUNCED DISCOVERY OF A NEW METHOD OF TREATING PAROXYSMAL DYSACOUSIS, A HEARING DISORDER, PREVIOUSLY BELIEVED TO BE INCURABLE. THE TREATMENT CONSISTS OF HAVING THE PATIENT BREATHE PURE OXYGEN, PRESSURIZED TO TWO ATMOSPHERES, FOR ONE HOUR. THE NEWS ARTICLE REPORTING THE DISCOVERY WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE CURE HAS BEEN TRIED ON A TOTAL OF 180 PATIENTS. DR. YANAGIDA REPORTED THAT TREATMENT WAS MOST EFFECTIVE WHEN INITIATED WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF DISCOVERY OF THE FIRST SYMPTOMS. THE REPORT STATED THAT 32 OF 39 PATIENTS TREATED WITHIN ONE WEEK OF ONSET HAD THEIR HEARING RESTORED. 18 PATIENTS OUT OF 31 TREATED BETWEEN 8 AND 14 DAYS AFTER ONSET WERE CURED. OF 20 SERIOUS CASES, THREE PATIENTS RECOVERED SOME HEARING CAPACITY; THESE CASES WERE TREATED AFTER MORE THAN 30 DAYS FROM ONSET OF THE DISEASE.

2. THE FINDINGS OF DR. YANAGIDA AND HIS GROUP OF RESEARCHERS WILL BE PRESENTED AT MEDICAL MEETING TO BE HELD IN FUKUOKA AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER.
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